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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Humanitarian Disaster in Yemen

On March 25, 2015 Military invasion to the people of Yemen by the name of "Decisive Storm" started in such a way that thousands of civilians were killed and injured. It can be regarded as "War Crime" and hence is labeled as an international concern as well as a neglected human tragedy.

The Saudi -led intervention to Yemen, has imposed a lot of problems on Yemenis, lack of humanitarian assistance, safe drinking water and sanitation, medical supplies, fuel, rescuer and other supplies, and destruction of infrastructure.
Saudi Arabia, as UN member state, should regard those principles provided in UN charter as well as other international regulation, like " principle of no use of force, principle of respect to the territorial integrity and principle of respect to the self-determination", since not regarding such cases would amount to a threat to the peace and security of the world.
Use of heavy weapons, cluster bombs in particular, due to their wide and casual effect and also its long term dangers on civilians is prohibited according to The Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM).

United Nations, according its charter, is obliged "to maintain international peace and security and to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace". Hence, after more than 10 months of Saudi Arabia's illegal aggression to Yemen while not stopping the war for humanitarian assistance indicates a weakness in application of responsibility and the apparent negligence towards the human rights affairs of Yemen by UN and relevant Human Rights Organizations.

ADVT declares that humanitarian situation in Yemen is catastrophic; hence the Yemenis are in drastic need to be seriously protected by the United Nations. It is critical that the all parties to the conflict and all members of the international community push for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, so that vital humanitarian assistance can be delivered to people in Yemen.

We call on UN to send a fact-finding group to Yemen in collaboration with active NGOs to report on state terrorism and war crimes and proceed in ICC.